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INTERAGENCY HUNTER INFORMATION STATION PLANNED FOR EARLY OCTOBER

Local organizations and agencies will be setting up the annual hunter information station at Erickson's Sentry Supermarket on Thursday and Friday, October 2 and 3, reports U.S. Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Burns District Manager Tom Dyer. The station will serve hunters from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day, and will provide several area maps and informational brochures (including hunting regulations) for those interested. Hunters may also learn about current road closures, fire restrictions or prescribed burn projects and any other hunting-related issues.

Dyer says, "Hunters with tags in the Steens, Juniper, and Malheur River Hunt Units should stop in and get information on recent prescribed burning and wildfire incidences. Also, those hunting on the Steens will need to pay special attention to the access changes resulting from the passage of the Steens Mountain Cooperative Management and Protection Act of 2000 which established several special designations, including the Steens Mountain Wilderness Area."

Erickson's Sentry Supermarket, Harney County, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Harney County Chamber of Commerce, Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife, Malheur National Wildlife Refuge, U.S. Forest Service, and BLM are sponsoring the hunter station this year. During the event, Erickson's Sentry will provide free coffee and will make arrangements for a hunter's breakfast, beginning at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday and Friday.

For more information on the hunter station, call the BLM Office at (541) 573-4400 or the Forest Service Office at (541) 573-4300, weekdays, during regular business hours.